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The following is a summary of information on Soviet airfields and air activities observed prior to 6 April:

A. Aircraft Counted Outside Hangars:

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1. MI-15's:

Erfurt-Bindersleben: 4 on 22 March  
 Justerbog: 29 on 31 March  
 Koethen: 30 on 25 March  
 Neuruppin: 28 on 25 March  
 Puetznitz: 41 on 17 March.

2. IL-10's:

Brandenburg-Industriehafen: 38 on 26 March  
 Stendal: 23 on 25 March.

3. IL-28's:

Briesen: 31 on 23 March  
 Neuruppin: 12 on 25 March  
 Oranienburg: 12 on 3 April.

4. PO-2's:

Schoenwalde: 3 on 31 March.

5. No Aircraft:

Doeberitz on 24 March  
 Gross Doelln on 1 April  
 Jocksdorf on 29 March  
 Tutow on 13 March.

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B. Air Activities:1. General:

On individual days from 18 to 28 March, air units of the 24th Air Army engaged in very intensive air activity.

2. Kummersdorf:

In the morning and afternoon of 26 March, formations of up to 36 IL-10's from the ground-attack regiments based at Brandenburg-Briest and Brandenburg-Industriehafen practiced bombing over the Kummersdorf range.

3. Neuruppin:

From 0915 to 1120 hours on 19 March bombers and fighters held a joint exercise in the Neuruppin area; formations of 16 and 12 IL-28's were continually attacked by approximately 18 MIG-15's of the Neuruppin fighter regiment. During the morning hours of 25 March, twelve IL-28's with black numbers were temporarily present at Neuruppin airfield.

4. Oranienburg:

At 1630 hours on 31 March, nine IL-28's, allegedly with red numbers, landed at Oranienburg. On 3 April, twelve IL-28's were counted on the field.<sup>1</sup>

C. Fuel Shipments:1. Gross Doelln:

Prior to 28 March, 28 railroad tank cars arrived here.

2. Oranienburg:

On 28 March, 25 to 30 railroad tank cars were observed on the siding.

3. Puetznitz:

On 17 March, 24 railroad tank cars were seen on the siding.

4. Werneuchen:

Between 17 and 23 March, 24 railroad tank cars arrived from Ruhland.

D. Construction:1. Alt Loennevitz:

Construction work here has already started, and the project has been given the number "Objekt 71." It is planned to bring the concrete cover of the runway up to 30 centimeters and to build a taxistrip north of the runway.<sup>2</sup>

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2. Gross Doelln:

About 750 workers were employed here on 27 March.

3. Grossenhain:

The concrete cover of the runway is also to be brought up to a thickness of 30 centimeters. The construction project has the number "Objekt 72."2

4. Wolfsbehringen:

By 8 March, concreting work had been completed on a runway strip 200 meters wide and 48 meters long. The target date for completion of the field is November 1955. The work is to be done in three shifts.

E. Civil Aviation:

During a conference of the East Bloc air lines, held in Warsaw from 22 to 24 March, the organization of a commercial East German air line on 15 June 1955 was reportedly approved.

1. Comment: The former location of the IL-28's is unknown.

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2. Comment: The work on the runways at Alt Loennwitz and Grossenhain is expected to cause transfer of the air units there.

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